

## BACKGROUND

With increased population and development in the Town, wildlife management and compatibility has become an issue.

A policy identical to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update but not all of the strategies for its implementation were completed by the Town. The Town did not develop a wildlife management plan. However, the Town worked with the Nature Conservancy to allow hunting to manage the Town's deer herd.

## POLICY

**The Town supports the concept of wildlife management within Town limits.**

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will coordinate its efforts with the Wildlife Resources Commission and Nature Conservancy to develop a wildlife management plan within the next five years to include species recognition and habitat preservation elements.

The Town will continue to work with the Nature Conservancy with respect to wildlife population management.

## **5. Off-road Vehicles**

### BACKGROUND

Results of the citizen survey indicate significant support (56.3%) for beach driving from September 15 to May 15 with only 37.0% of respondents opposed.

At certain points, the beaches in the Town have very unstable sand and steep slopes making off-road driving difficult and potentially hazardous to sunbathers. The need to regulate off-road vehicles on the beach to reduce the potential for accidents has been discussed. It has been suggested that a decal permit program is the best way to inform off-road vehicle drivers of rules to be followed.

A policy similar to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update.

After receipt of public input, the Town decided not to implement a permit system for beach driving.

## POLICY